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T. A. McNEAL won the state printership easily last week as per deal made prior to the balloting. He will take charge of the office July 1st when he will also let loose the secretaryship. By that time the state will own the plant and the printer will work on a salary of \$3000 per year.

Your Uncle Cyrus Leland introduced a resolution in the Kansas house of representatives last week demanding Senator Burton's resignation. It was promptly sent to the committee on state affairs there to die alone. The new administration is certainly a stunner for reform. Burton and Kelly and the rest of the boodlers are its gods.

REPUBLICAN papers are making a whole lot of noise because Speaker Millionaire Stubbs returned his passes to the railroad companies and is paying his fare. Hon. O. P. T. Ewell, Barber county's democratic representative, did the same thing but the republican papers, with the single exception of the Kiowa News-Review, cautiously avoid mentioning it.

You don't hear many republicans say "you can't go behind the returns" since the Colorado holdup. In that state the republican courts not only went behind the returns but actually disposed of a lot of them entirely in order to get a two-thirds majority in the legislature. In several states during the past few years republican politicians and their servants on the bench have treated election returns as their private property.

PROBABLY Hon. O. P. T. Ewell is not raising a smoke or a fog in the legislature, as the republican organ of Medicine Lodge puts it, but he is doing some quiet, effective work for Barber county. He has already been called upon to help the county substantially and is now preparing some bills. The requests so far have come from republicans and he is broad enough to grant them so long as they are reasonable and just. Mr. Ewell represents the whole people. He is not a factionalist.

HON. O. P. T. EWELL, representative of this county, has been assigned a place on the committee on education. Mr. Ewell has been connected with school boards and matters pertaining to public schools in Kiowa for many years and is therefore well qualified to serve on this committee. The fact that Mr. Ewell was recognized by appointment on such an important committee when very few democrats are permitted to serve on any committees, speaks well of his influence and standing in the legislature. Mr. Ewell is also a member of the committees on Banks and Banking and Public Libraries. He is not on the figurehead "irrigation committee," as predicted by several politicians immediately following his election.

Strayed.

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LEGISLATIVE OBSERVATIONS.

The democrats in the legislature are not getting the chance to appoint clerks of committees, and are not being put on important committees, although many of them are more competent than the republicans named.

The republicans who are now running the liquor lobby, which is very busy at the legislature fighting the proposed amendments to the prohibitory law, are circulating the report that it is a democratic institution. It is a well known fact that the republican state committee received several hundred dollars from different brewers during the campaign, and that the democratic committee did not ask a cent from the brewers, and did not receive a cent. The liquor lobby and the lobby that favors base ball on Sunday are both republican. It is an old republican trick to lay something questionable to the democrats.

The republicans have become so ashamed over the fact that during the last legislature they gave Speaker Pringle a chair "and cot" that when he returned to the present legislature he was requested to return them. This is a grand stand play, and is intended to make the people believe that the present legislature will be a perfectly honest one.

It might be well for people to keep an eye on railroad legislation. Bill Hackney has introduced a railroad bill. It appears to be a good bill, but watch it when it leaves the railroad committee.

It will be surprising to the people of the state to learn that W. R. Stubbs, the republican speaker of the house, is not bossing the job as he said he would. Mr. Stubbs has been interviewed many times by the republican press regarding the manner in which he intended putting business through with a rush. The rush part of it was made evident recently when the members left and rushed home for a vacation of three days. This action on the part of the legislature is being criticised severely by some of the republicans. Mr. Stubbs seems to have had the opinion that he could boss the members of the legislature just as he bosses the men who work for him on railroad contracts. The members are showing that they have as much right to sit in the house as Mr. Stubbs. Before Mr. Stubbs has been speaker very long he will find out other mistakes that he made in his predictions.

The necessary adjournment of the legislature for three days after a session of but four days, makes it evident that the boasted reform legislature is just like all preceding republican legislatures. The state is paying the members to do business, and the members prefer to do home, draw mileage, and also draw their salary for doing nothing. It is true that so far not as many clerks have been employed by the members as during the session two years ago, but the fact that the legislature adjourns when there is plenty of work to do, and draw their salary and mileage when they go home on vacations, means that the total cost of the legislature will run almost as high as it did two years ago.

Gov. Hoch has ceased to talk about having a short term of the legislature. He was very busy telling how the legislature could handle all of the business to come before it when he was making the campaign. Now he is as silent as a clam. Gov. Hoch may have meant what he said, but it is apparent that the other reformers thought he was joking or simply making a campaign bluff.

J. W. Creech, of Dickinson county, has been appointed as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee in the house. This is the best plum that the speaker had to give out. Mr. Creech is a personal friend of the speaker, and was in business with him. Mr. Creech, like Mr. Stubbs, made his money in railroad contracting. This has caused comment, because it looks as though the railroad people were getting a little too much in the way of big offices in the legislature. It may be remarked that Mr. Stubbs, Mr. Creech and that noble republican senator, J. R. Burton, were associated together in the Jerusalem exhibit at the World's fair. There is some talk about things not being right with the Jerusalem show, and a suit is now pending against the association. Mr. Creech is president of the exhibit.

Of course it may be that the relations between Stubbs and Creech are all right, but the chairman of the most important committee might have been chosen from among men who were not so friendly with Senator Burton in a business way.

There has been some talk among the members concerning the passage of a bill which will prevent the members who ride on passes from collecting mileage from the state. It is well known that the members, or most of them, ride on passes, and the money collected for mileage is money wrongfully collected from the state. It is safe to bet that a republican legislature would never pass such a measure.

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DEATH RATE OF INFANTS.

It Is Increasing in Spite of the Best Efforts of Modern Science.

In spite of the increase in the pasteurization of milk, in spite of the fact that in some circles of society there is a growing knowledge about the care of infants, the death rate of those under two years old over the country, says the Philadelphia Inquirer, is so large as to cause great alarm. One of the most eminent specialists announces:

"If 100 mothers of sound health would agree to submit the entire care of their infants to one direction I warrant that not one of the children would, if properly brought into the world, die of summer disease."

This is an astonishing statement, but it can be practically verified by nearly every practitioner whose experience with the children has been large. It seems strange that though the human race is thousands of years old, there is so little knowledge on the part of mothers as to the proper care of infants. It is because every mother depends on herself, her instincts or the poor experience of others to help her children through the critical portion of the year. In these days physicians are doing their best to inform mothers that the use of raw milk in summer time is dangerous—almost criminal. Especially is this the case in that portion of the city where children never get fresh milk. Little milk is served in this city that is not 24 hours old and since much of it is not kept on ice the process of souring begins soon.

This process is effected by the extraordinary development of bacteria, which affect the intestines of children and bring on that long list of summer complaints. Wherever there is intelligent care taken of children and wise supervision is exercised there is no more fear of dysentery in the summer time than there is of smallpox. Yet many thousands of children die every summer because of neglect. There is no mother in this city so poor that she cannot send a postal card to the board of health for its instructions on the subject and to follow them out only costs less than the ordinary practice, but is sure to result in benefit to the infant.

The difficulty in impressing mothers is the fact that they assert that they know more about children than any doctor who ever lived and insist upon practices which are certain to bring disease and probably death. It is time to start a school of instruction for mothers.

LOVE THE ROAR OF TRAINS

For This Reason Many People Insist on Living Close to Railroads.

"There are any number of people in this city who go out of their way to get houses near a railroad," said a prominent real estate man who was discussing the vagaries of house hunters, to a writer for the Philadelphia Record. "It took me a long time to find that out, but since I have discovered that certain types of people like the bustle and confusion and even the smell of the railroad I have enlarged my list of houses bordering on railroads."

"Sometimes it's an old railroad man who comes to me to ask for a little house that overlooks the tracks where the iron giants go puffing and pulling and steaming all day and night; and sometimes it's a father of a family who wants a house near a railroad so that his children will grow so accustomed to the trains that they will have no desire to run off to shoot Indians or anything else."

"The queerest railroad fiend I have listed is an old lady, a Quaker, too, who moves about every two years, but always wants a house near the trains. She explained to me that she had lived all her life near the sea and had become so accustomed to the roar of the ocean that she would have missed it if not for the substitute found in a railroad."

GROWTH OF TELEPHONE.

The Number of Messages Recorded in 1904 Estimated at Five Billion.

From a modest beginning, 25 years ago, to the place which the telephone occupies in the world's life to-day, says Cent Per Cent., is a growth of which the mind can form no adequate conception from mere figures, but it is a low estimate to place the number of messages exchanged in the United States in 1904 at 5,000,000,000, for that was the amount of 1902. The Cleveland Finance cuts that number in half in order to exclude all but business messages, and then estimates the time saved on 2,500,000 messages, over all other forms of communication, at ten minutes each, in order to ascertain the amount of time saved in the year 1902, and reaches a total of 25,000,000,000 minutes, or 416,666,666 hours, or 17,361,111 days, or 4,830 years.

The profits of the telephone business in America are placed approximately at the annual figure of \$50,000,000, one-half of which at least will be saved by the semi-automatic telephone exchange that is now being introduced; but in order to get a just conception of the value of such an invention, we must add the enormous amount of additional time which will be saved at each end of the line, that is, by the doing away with the services of so many operators in the exchange, and the elimination of the now necessary waiting by the subscriber in his office.

Japan's Dishonored Checks.

In Japan every dishonored check or note is publicly gazetted, consequently very few are dishonored; in Tokio, for instance, with its 1,500,000 population, only 46 a month were dishonored during the year ended May last.

CHEAP SHOES NOT ECONOMY

Some Footwear Suggestions Which It Will Pay to Make a Note Of.

"Give your shoes a rest," is the mandate issued by a man who has grown up among shoes and known them as he loses people. "Shoes need a rest as the wearers do. This may strike you as peculiar, and you may imagine I am stretching a point to make a good story, but it's a fact. Shoes require rest. In that way they will last at least twice as long and always look more than twice as well. It enables them to air-out—to dry out—and to regain their suppleness, says the New York Telegram.

"Everybody should have at least two pairs of shoes. You should change your shoes as you do your undergarments. There should be a pair of shoes for dress occasions, another for business or shopping, others for sports, and it is quite essential there should be storm boots—kept for this special purpose.

"A week is plenty long enough for a pair of shoes to be worn at one time; a day is better.

"Men for a long time have known the value of shoe trees. It is quite recently that women have taken to them. Femininity is gradually being educated to the notion that the life of a pair of shoes is doubled by use of a shoe tree. The latter is to a pair of shoes what a tailor's goose is to a man's clothes. It restores the appearance of newness.

"Shoe trees are your exact last, or should be, so as to retain almost identically the correct shape of the shoes. If the shoes when taken from the feet are damp with perspiration, the leather in the lining tries out more rapidly. If worn out before it is thoroughly dried, the lining will soon decay.

"Enamel and patent leathers, because of their air-tight characteristics, require more care than ordinary leather in this respect. If it so happens that your shoes become wet, great care should be exercised in drying them. Never dry them on a radiator or a stove or in the oven. Dry in a warm room, or at an open window.

"In the old days our grandfathers greased their boots to keep the leather in good condition. A much better quality of leather is used to-day, and the method of preparing it is very different. However, some dressing on a shoe is needed to keep it pliable and soft. But care should be taken to get the best. No shoe can do its best work when burned up daily with poor dressing frequently used at shoe-shining stands. Plain vaseline rubbed on with a cloth is better than nothing, but the proper way is to procure a dressing at a reliable house and then you can feel safe in using it.

"It is poor economy to buy a cheap shoe. The material is not there, neither is the fit.

"Ill-fitting shoes wear out in about half the time that a perfect fitting pair will. If too tight it causes the leather to shrink, and if too loose there will be wrinkles and eventually cracks.

"Always remove your shoes the moment you come into the house. Walking up and downstairs ruins a pair of shoes quicker than walking miles on the pavement. Slippers are all right for the privacy of one's own apartment, but bad for the feet if worn too constantly. Particularly is this so if one happens to have weak ankles. Better a soft kid boot with a hand-turned sole. As to rubbers, it is better to wear them, and necessary often, though they are bad on shoes, drawing them out of shape and permanently softening the leather. But while some women can wear heavy storm boots, others cannot, so each case will have to be judged separately.

"Unlacing the ties or shoes at night very wide is good. It changes the lace and prevents unshapeliness. These are the main 'don'ts,' and although there are many others, if a woman will follow the rules laid down here she will have the satisfaction of keeping her shoes twice as long. They will look fresh longer than without the care. It will be found not only to be an economical method, but will do more to give her a trim appearance than anything else."

THE WINNER AT A RAFFLE.

Gets the Prize, But Before He Gets Through "Buying" Pays for It.

"You must be going to eat Christmas dinner," observed the cable-car conductor to the man who got on the rear platform with a large turkey under his arm, relates the Chicago Daily News.

"Sure thing," said the man, with a grin. "Pretty good bird, ain't it? Heft him."

The conductor raised the bird a moment and whistled. "Must have cost you something," he hazarded.

"Ten cents," said the man.

"What?"

"One dime. Got him in a raffle at Murphy's down the street. Murphy raffled off 20 of 'em Thanksgiving. Thirty numbers there was to each at a dime. I tried a dozen times or more then but I couldn't shake high nor low an' I had ter take the old woman home a chicken. Hauman had a raffle, too, an' last week I went against his game. Once I came within one of the highest number. Feller shook 40—three sixes twice runnin'. I took two or three chances on each of the five sheets Bauman had, an' then I quit and tried Murphy. Every time I went in for a drink I took a throw for luck. Finally I shook low on the last number of a sheet, an' Murphy handed over the birds. Of course I set 'em up, but I could afford to do that, getting a turkey for ten cents that would have cost me \$2.50."

"I'll give you 15 cents for him," said the conductor, jocularly. "I guess you must have bought about five dollars' worth of chances, though, altogether, not counting the drinks."

"Well, maybe I did, if you look at it that way," admitted the man with the turkey.

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It is pathetically mentioned that, could the late Mme. Janauschek reach forth her hand from the grave in the Actor's Fund plot where her remains have been interred, she could almost touch the ashes of men and women whose talent and genius lent luster scarce less than her own to her art. On one side lies Charles Coudock, the famous English actor, and at her feet lies Remenyi, the great Hungarian violinist. Near by is a poor property boy who was mangled by an explosion in the pursuit of his calling, and just beyond, in a tangled mass of ivy, rests an unknown girl. In that sacred ground all are equal.

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